Construction of godowns by FCI of Tadepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh

7171. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construction godowns by Food Corporation of India in or near Tadepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of storage space proposed to be constructed in West Godavari district by Food Corporation of India in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI (KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No Sir. Food Corporation of India is maintaining a total storage capacity of 1.74 lakh tonnes at Tadepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh as on 1.4.94 which is considered to be adequate to meet the requirement.

(c) Food Corporation of India has no proposal to construct godown in West Godawari District during 1994-95, as it is maintaining a total storage capacity of 3.82 lakh tonnes as on 1.4.1994 in the District which is considered adequate to meet the requirements of the District.

Enhancement in stock position in Central Pool

7172. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to enhance the stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool;

(b) if so, the target set for 1994-95; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) It is basically through procurement of wheat and paddy under price support scheme and rice through statutory levy on millers/traders that stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool is built up. Under the price support scheme, all quantities of wheat and paddy conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at the procurement centres are purchased at the support prices fixed by the Government. Therefore, no target as such for procurement can be fixed. The stock position of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool is comfortable and the level of stocks as on 1.4.94 and the minimum level of stocks to be maintained as per the prescribed buffer stocking norms are given below:—

(In million MTs)

	Stocks in the Central Pool as on 1-4-94	Minimum requirement as per buffer stocking norms
Rice	13.5	10.8
Wheat	7.0	3.7
TOTAL :	20.5	14.5